

ADEQ Meeting Minutes

Arizona Department
of Environmental Quality



Cooper and Commerce Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site Community Advisory Board Meeting

November 16, 2006
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Page Park Center
132 West Bruce, Gilbert, AZ

DRAFT MINUTES

Ref: PIOUS #07-086

CAB members present: Pacer Udall, Deanna Gnadt, Michael Evans, Bobbi Buchli, Carrie Lewis, and Bruce Friedrich

CAB Members absent: Mehdi Zebian, Chip Caldwell, Nayangenya (Joe) Maniga

ADEQ Staff in attendance: Scott Goodwin, Project Manager; Wendy Flood, Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the public present: Bruce Travis, Kathy Rall from the Town of Gilbert; Lonnie Frost, Town of Gilbert

The following matters were discussed, considered, or decided at the meeting:

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mrs. Flood welcomed all and introductions were held for those listed in these minutes. Co-Chair Mr. Mike Evans took control of the meeting.

2. Acceptance and/or changes to minutes of August 24, 2006

Mr. Bruce Friedrich moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Pacer Udall and passed.

3. Monitoring Well 106 and 104D Sampling Results, Photographic Site History, Groundwater Concentration Trends and Soil and Soil Vapor Concentration Discussion

Mr. Goodwin presented a power point presentation and informed the CAB that well MW-106 was installed in September and the initial sample showed 26 parts per billion (ppb) PCE and 18 ppb TCE. This shows that the plume boundary is still undefined.

Mr. Goodwin also reported that well 104D (in a deeper aquifer) has shown concentrations of .59 ppb in Sept. 2005 and .44 ppb in Aug. 2006. These results show the need to treat the shallow aquifer to reduce the PCE migration to the lower aquifer.

Mr. Goodwin went through all the aerial photos of the site from 1976 to 1986.

He explained that soil detections were high in a few locations and so were soil vapor detections. Boring -SS15, a shallow boring, has the highest concentrations. Concentrations were displayed on a map and displayed in a chart for CAB members. Mr. Goodwin explained that any concentrations of PCE in the soil above 1.3 mg/kg and soil vapor above 200 ppm show concern for the site and a threat to groundwater.

Mr. Evans asked if the Town of Gilbert's (Town) well, number 15, is out of production. Mr. Lonnie Frost explained that the well is used seasonally.

Mr. Goodwin talked about groundwater concentrations trends. Concentrations in well G-9 and wells located at the site have declined and well G-10 has increased over time. Mr. Goodwin presented graphs that showed the concentrations over time for PCE and TCE for all monitor wells associated with the site. Water levels over time were shown for G-9 & G-10. There seems to be no correlation between water levels and concentrations trends.

Ms. Lewis asked when pumping was going to begin. Mr. Goodwin explained that the Town is going through different possibilities to get access. Once access is granted then the testing can be done; hopefully the pumping will begin in about another year. Vapor extraction should begin hopefully within a 6 to 8 month timeframe.

Mr. Friedrich questioned the length of time it is taking and will take to get some movement at the site. Mr. Goodwin explained all the legal issues and plans that have been done. Mr. Lewis commented that investigations are important so that the cleanup is performed at the proper locations.

Concerns were raised from CAB members about future well drilling in neighborhoods as the plume is further defined. Mrs. Flood explained that notices are done ahead of time with contact information. Also, information is offered at CAB meetings.

4. Site Visit Discussion-

Mrs. Flood reminded the CAB of the past discussion. Mr. Goodwin stated that Skyline Steel might be a good location to view the site as well as from the water treatment plant. The CAB can not go on site but can go around for viewing purposes.

It was decided that a Saturday would work best in late January or February. Mr. Frost stated he would be able to accommodate once a date is picked by CAB members.

5. CAB Charter Discussion and Voting –

Mrs. Bobbie Buchli moved and Mrs. Lewis seconded to approve the charter. It was seconded and passed. The Co-chairs signed the charter.

6. Community Involvement Plan Questionnaire Discussion –

Mrs. Flood explained and showed the questionnaire. The questionnaire was mailed to all addresses on the mailing list. She also informed the CAB that they will be called for additional questions.

Mr. Evans suggested going to the Town to get a list of the neighborhood associations.

7. *Call to the Public

None

8. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Discussion

The site visit will be held in February, and the next meeting will be March 22, 2007 at 5:30 with the location TBA. Mr. Evans suggested the senior center next door.

Mrs. Flood did let the CAB know that the repository has been established. Mr. Goodwin dropped off the ERA evaluation report at the repository before this meeting.

Agenda topics for next meeting include: site visit recap, update from Town on the lawsuit and legal avenues pursued for access, site update and minutes.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Buchli moved to adjourn, and it was seconded by Mr. Udall.